

COSHH 2002 reg 6: exposure is assessed BEFORE the work starts; reg 7: it is prevented, or adequately controlled, working down the hierarchy — eliminate, substitute, engineer, then RPE last. This assessment covers the substance family below; it is completed against the actual products (their safety data sheets alongside) and the actual task, and briefed to the people exposed. The current workplace exposure limit, where one applies, comes from EH40 and the SDS on the day — write it in below.

1 ASSESSMENT DETAILS

SITE / PROJECT

TASK ASSESSED

PRODUCTS IN USE (SDS TO HAND)

ASSESSED BY

DATE

2 THE SUBSTANCE — WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

WHERE IT IS MET: Brush and spray treatment of cut ends, remedial timber treatment for rot and beetle in refurbishment, and site-applied fire-retardant treatments. Pre-treated timber also releases dust and the treatment chemistry when cut.

THE HARM: Solvent-borne preservatives bring vapour and flammability; water-borne systems still contain biocides that irritate skin and eyes and some are harmful if absorbed. Remedial treatment in roof voids means enclosed spray application. Cutting pre-treated timber puts the preservative in the dust.

3 EXPOSURE — ROUTES, PEOPLE, LIMIT

Inhalation — dust, fume, vapour or mist

Ingestion — hand to mouth

Skin and eye contact

Others affected — adjacent trades, occupiers, public

WHO IS EXPOSED, HOW LONG, HOW OFTEN

WEL / LIMIT (FROM EH40 AND THE SDS TODAY)

4 CONTROLS — IN THE REG 7 HIERARCHY, ALL IN PLACE BEFORE WORK STARTS

The specific product SDS read — biocide chemistry varies and so do the gloves and RPE it needs

Spray application only with the ventilation and RPE the SDS sets; roof voids and floor voids ventilated and cleared of other trades

Nitrile gloves, eye protection and coveralls; treated timber handled with gloves until dry

Cutting pre-treated timber under the wood dust assessment with extraction; offcuts not burned

Occupiers kept out for the re-entry period the product states

SITE-SPECIFIC CONTROLS FOR THIS TASK

RPE WORN (TYPE, AND FACE-FIT WHERE TIGHT-FITTING)

OTHER PPE FOR THIS SUBSTANCE

5 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE, HYGIENE AND FIRST AID

Regular remedial-treatment operatives with symptoms referred; skin checks for handlers.

6 STORAGE, SPILLAGE AND DISPOSAL

Original containers, locked, away from drains and watercourses — biocides are ecotoxic; spills contained, never hosed to a drain.

WHERE IT IS STORED ON THIS SITE

SPILL RESPONSE AT THE WORK

7 SIGN-OFF AND BRIEFING

The assessment is complete when the people exposed have been briefed on it. Reassess when the product, task, quantity or location changes — not on an anniversary.

ASSESSOR — PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

WORKFORCE BRIEFED (DATE / RECORD REF)

R REVISION HISTORY

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